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CURRENT NEWS.

WASHINGTON.
The Commissioner of Agriculture has appointed Prof. L. W. Mather, N. Y.; Dr. H. J. Delmar, Chicago; Dr. R. F. Dyer, Ottawa, Ill.; Dr. J. W. Yule, New York, Ind.; Dr. Albert Dunlap, Iowa City, La.; Dr. Hines, Kansas, and Dr. Salmon, Asheville, N. C., as examiners to investigate the origin and devise a remedy for hog cholera.

Serious labor troubles have occurred in Washington, on account of an attempt being made by strikers to prevent laborers from working for less than \$3.00 a day. Gangs of strikers visited various public and private works, demanding that the men employed stop work, and threatening the destruction of property in some cases. The strikers were called out, and several collisions occurred in which a number of persons were wounded by pistol shots.

WEST AND SOUTHWEST.

The Texas Democratic State Convention, after a long and exciting struggle over the nomination for 28th Congress, has elected upon Judge Orin M. Roberts as a compromise candidate, and he was accordingly nominated. Judge Roberts is of Smith County, aged 63, and at present Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas. His opponents were: James D. Sawyer, of Bastrop, for Lieutenant-Governor; H. B. McCormick, of Colorado, for Attorney-General; Stephen H. Darden for Comptroller, F. L. Lubbock for Treasurer, and W. A. Walker for Commissioner of Land-Office. The convention adopted the investigation by Congress of the alleged fraud committed at the late Presidential election as the first order of business of the Forty-fourth Congress, which Hayes was seated, should not be disturbed. The contraction of the currency and the demonetization of silver are denounced, and the payment of all public debts in legal tender except where otherwise specially provided by law, is demanded.

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A Portland dispatch of the 28th says the rendezvous for all unfriendly Indians, both in Oregon and the Washington Territory side, is at the foot of Priest Rapids, where they are collecting in great numbers. Chief Moses says he can not control his young men, and warns settlers to look out for themselves. A Baker City dispatch says a courier from Gen. Howard reports that the Bannocks and Plutes have separated. The former are fleeing the country, while the latter are supposed to be making for their Agency for the purpose of surrendering. A Silver City dispatch says there are indications that the hostiles are returning in that direction.

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It is stated that the new secret society of workmen called the Knights of Labor now numbers 874,000 persons in its membership along the line of totality. The spectacle was magnificent, and no doubt the observations taken upon the whole will add largely to the world's fund of scientific knowledge.

The National Agricultural Congress will hold its coming semi-annual meeting at New Haven, Conn., beginning Aug. 27.

FOREIGN.
The betrothal of the Duke of Connaught, Queen Victoria's third son, with the Princess Marie Louise, of Prussia, daughter of Prince Frederick Charles, has been promulgated in the House of Commons, and the usual grant of £10,000 for which was objected to by Sir Charles Dike on behalf of the Radicals.

The Duke of Cumberland has given notice to the German Sovereigns that he maintains his rights to the throne of Hanover, although, for the present, he will only bear his dual titles.

Thirteen children and three teachers were recently drowned by the capsizing of a boat on the River Blackwater, near the town of Balkeborough, Ireland.

The Memphis bale of cotton has been awarded the first premium at the Paris Exposition.

The Marquis of Lorne is to succeed Lord Dufferin as Governor-General of Canada. The House of Commons, on the 29th, Lord Hartington moved a resolution expressing want of confidence in the Ministry. He made a violent attack upon the Anglo-Turkish Convention, and asked if the British Government would have deemed it a disgrace to sign a treaty with Russia, without suffering any casualties in return, except the wounding of a few horses.

The New Orleans Board of Health reports up to the 23d, at noon, 93 cases of yellow fever deaths, 27 of which were fatal.

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